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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :

DOUGLAS J. DOBROZSI ET AL. :

Serial No.: 09/467,333 :

Group Art Unit: 1619

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Examiner: R. Harrison

For: Compositions Having Improved Stability

RESPONSE

Box Fee-Amendment/Response
Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed on 01/19/01, rejecting all pending claims, the Applicants herein submit the following response pursuant to 35 C.F.R. §112. A two-month extension of time is herein requested.

AMENDMENTS

Cancel Claims 1-3 without prejudice.

Add claim 21

An oral composition comprising a pharmaceutical active in an hydrophilic, water-miscible, anhydrous solvent wherein the pharmaceutical active in its un-ionized form has a percent solubility value in the solvent at ambient temperature that is equal to or greater than 0.075% and the pharmaceutical active is in it free, un-ionized form as a monomolecular dispersion in the solvent and a reducing agent wherein the reducing agent has an E^0 value equal to or greater than -0.119V.

4. (amended) The composition according to claim 21 wherein the reducing agent has an E^0 value from about -0.119V to about +0.250V.

Cancel claim 8 without prejudice.

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